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SUBJECT: AUGUST 19 MEETING WITH FRANCIS DENG: MILITARY ISSUES

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1. DENG SAID THAT FOLLOWING EARLY JULY COUP ATTEMPT, QUESTION OF MILITARY COOPERATION WITH US HAD BECOME MORE URGENT FOR GOS. CHARGE REMINDED HIM THAT WE WERE WAITING FOR NOTE ON C-130S, AND DENG SAID APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WERE WORKING ON MATTER.
2. HE THEN DISCUSSED TRAINING REQUEST WHICH IS ALSO UNDER PREPARATION. RECALLING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS, DENG SAID USG EXPRESSED "DEFINITE RECEPTIVITY" TO THIS REQUEST AND THAT PENTAGON OFFICIALS HAD TOLD HIM US CONSIDERED MILITARY TRAINING FOR SUDANESE OFFICERS TO BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. CHARGE INFORMED DENG THAT WE PROCEEDING WITH PAPERWORK NECESSARY TO MAKE SUDAN ELIGIBLE FOR FMS SALES THAT WOULD COVER TRAINING.

3. DENG THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS RESULT OF COUP ATTEMPT GOS WAS REVIEWING ITS DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT IT WILL BE SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REQUESTS BASED ON  
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REVISED JUDGMENTS OF WHAT IS NEEDED. HE SAID THAT

BECAUSE OF GREATER URGENCY, REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED MORE QUICKLY THAN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN ANTICIPATED. DENG ALSO INDICATED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE APPROACHED, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, THE MOST IMPORTANT AND HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS WILL BE THOSE WITH GOS HOPES US CAN PROVIDE.

4. COMMENT: GOS REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING ARE BEING MADE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EGYPTIANS AND SAUDIS. IN THAT CONNECTION, SENIOR PAGE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL HERE TOLD EMBOFF AUG 19 THAT PAGE HAD JUST RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL AND UNEXPECTED CONTRACT FROM GOS MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. OFFICIAL SAID PROJECT WAS RESULT OF RECENT SAUDI/EGYPTIAN/ SUDANESE TRIPARTITE MEETINGS AND THAT SAUDIS WERE FINANCING ENTIRE CONTRACT IN "HARD CURRENCY" AND "100 PERCENT DOWN". OFFICIAL DECLINED TO IDENTIFY PROJECT FURTHER, OR TO STATE ITS VALUE, OR GIVE ANY OTHER DETAILS. PRESUMABLY PROJECT IS IN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS AREA WHERE JULY EVENTS REVEALED SEVERAL SERIOUS WEAKNESS. BOGOSIAN

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